

News Article
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Register Now for Advanced Deer Management Seminar

Next month I will be hosting the “Advanced Deer Management Seminar I” for our area of the state. Our meeting will be held at the Chilton Research and Extension Center in Thorsby by use of a videoconferencing system. The actual workshop will be conducted live at the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University and broadcast to several other locations around the state.

The event is being sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences-Auburn University, in cooperation with the Alabama State Chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The workshop will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009, from 9:00 am to 5:00pm. Other downlink sites across the state include the following.

- Wiregrass Research and Extension Center, AL Hwy 134, Headland, AL 36345; seats available = 50
- Morgan County Extension Office, 3120 Hwy 36 W., Suite B, Hartselle, AL 35640; seats available = 75
- Chilton Research and Extension Center, 120 Co. Rd 756, Clanton, AL 35045; seats available = 20
- Autauga County Agricultural Center, 2226 Hwy 14 West, Autaugaville, AL 36003; seats available = 100
- Choctaw County Extension Office, 218 S. Hamburg St., Butler, AL 36904; seats available = 25
- Gulf Coast Research Station, 8300 Hwy 104, Fairhope, AL 36532; seats available = 50

The seminar will feature talks from several professional deer biologists from Alabama and Mississippi, covering topics such as quality deer management, how to evaluate condition of harvested animals, conducting forage surveys, developing harvest strategies, managing deer habitat and food plots, and developing deer hunting cooperatives. The seminar will have a practical approach; focusing mainly on *what you can do* to manage deer populations. “Advanced Deer Management I” will provide *sound, science-based*

information for those who are *serious* about managing deer on their property or hunting lease.

This seminar will also set the stage for subsequent deer seminars to be held in Alabama. Organizers are currently developing “Advanced Deer Management II,” likely to be held in August 2010 that will focus on specific aspects of deer ecology and management such as genetics and population estimation techniques. Cost for “Advanced Deer Management I” at the Auburn University site is \$50/adult and \$25/children. Cost at live video-conferencing sites is \$25/adult and \$10/children. ***Seating is limited at most locations and advanced registration by August 22 is required.*** Refreshments and a packet of deer publications is included. ***Lunch will be on your own.***

For more information about this seminar or to request a registration form, contact Roger Vines at the Coosa County Extension Office (256-377-4713) or Kelly Knowles (334-844-1010) with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.